¶ His Majesties second Message to the Parliament,

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THe Lords and Commons in Parliament finding just cause to feare, not onely the desperate designes of Papists, and others of the malignant party at home, but also the malice of Enemies, incited by them from abroad; Thought it necessarie for the safety of this Kingdome, to secure the Towne of *Kingstone* upon *Hull*, being one of the most considerable places for strength, and affording the best conveniencie for Landing of Forreigne Forces; and where a great part of the Magazine of the Kingdome for that time was placed; And for that end appointed Sir *John*

John Hotham, one of the Members of the Houſe of Commons, being a Gentleman of the ſame Counte, of a conſiderable fortune, and approved integrity, to take upon him the government of that Towne, and to draw thither ſome of the Trained Bands for the guard thereof: In which apprehenſion and reſolution ther upon taken, they are the more confirmed by the ſight of ſome intercepted Letters of the Lord *Digby*, (a principall perſon of that partie) written to the Queene and Sir *Lewis Dives*; whereby that party diſcovered and endeavour to perſwade His Majeſtie to declare Himſelf, and retire into ſome place of ſafety in this Kingdome, in oppoſition to wayes of accomodation with His people. And to give the better opportunity to himſelfe. and other dangerous perſons to reſort thither, which could have no other end but to encline His Majeſtie to take Armes againſt his Parliament and good Subjects, and miſerably to imbroyle this Kingdom in civill Wars.

About which time Captain *Legg* (a man formerly imployed in the practice of bringing up the Armie againſt the Parliament) had direction by Warrant produced by him, under the Kings hand and ſigne Manuall, to enter *Kingſtone* upon *Hull*, and to draw thither ſuch of the Trained Bands as he ſhould thinke fit. And that the Earle of *New-caſtle* came thither in a ſuſpitious way, and under a feigned name, and did endeavour to poſſeſſe himſelfe of the ſaid Town, by vertue

vertue of the like Warrant and Authority.

They further conceiving, that the Magazine there being of so great importance to this Kingdome, would be more secure in the Tower of London; did humbly Petition His Maiestie to give His consent the same might be removed; which notwithstanding His Maiestie did refuse: And thereupon some few ill affected Persons about the City of Yorke, tooke upon them the presumption, in opposition to the desires, and in contempt of both Houses, to Petition His Maiestie to continue the Magazine at Hull: Alleadging it to be for the safety of His Maiestie, (as if there could be a greater care in them of His Maiesties Royall Person, then in His Parliament) And his Maiesty, the next day after the delivery of that Petition, being the three and twentieth of this instant *Aprill*, tooke occasion thereupon to goe to the Towne of *Hull*, attended with about four hundred Horse, (the Duke of *York*, and the Prince Elector being gone thither the day before) and required Sir *Iohn Hotham* to deliver up the Town into his hands: Who perceiving his Maiestie to be accompanied with such Force as might have mastered the Garrison of the Towne; And having received intelligence of an intention to deprive him of his life, in case the King should be admitted, informed his Maiesty of the trust reposed in him by both Houses of Parliament, and that he could not without breach of that trust, let him in, beseeching his

Maiesty to give him leave to send to the Parliament, to acquaint them with His Maiesties commands, and to receive their Directions thereupon, which he would do with all expedition. Which Answer His Maiesty was not pleased to accept of; but presently caused him and his Officers to be proclaimed Traitors before the walls of the Towne, and thereupon dispatched a Message to both Houses, therein charging Sir *John Hotham* with high Treason, and aggravating his offence, because he pretended the Parliaments command; (In the mean while hindering him of all means of intelligence with the Parliament) For His Maiesty immediately caused all passages to be stopped between him and them; And in pursuance of the same, one of his servants, who was sent by him with Letters to the Parliament, to inform them of the truth of those proceedings, was apprehended, his Letters taken from him, and his person detained, whereby (contrary to the common liberty of every Subiect) he was not onely deprived of meanes to cleare himselfe of that heavy accusation, but of all wayes of intercourse, either to receive directions from the n that trusted him, or to informe them what had happened.

The Lords and Commons finding the said proceedings to be a high violation of the Priviledges of Parlament, of which His Maiesty had in severall Messages expressed himselfe to be so tender; A great infringement to the liberty of the Sub-

Subiect, and the Law of the Land, which His Maiesty had so often lately professed should be the rule to govern by, and tending to the endangering of His Maiesties Person and the Kingdoms peace; Thought fit, as well for the vindication of their own Rights and Priviledges, the Indemnity of that worthy person imployed by them, as for the cleering of their own proceedings, to publish these ensuing Votes, which were made upon a former relation that came from the King.

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Die Martis 26. April, 1642.

Reſolved upon the Queſtion.

THat Sir *Iohn Hotham* Knight, according to this relation, hath done nothing but in obedience to the Command of both Houſes of Parliament.

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That this declaring of Sir *Iohn Hotham* Traitor, being a Member of the Houſe of Commons, is a high breach of the priviledge of Parliament.

Reſolved upon the queſtion.

That this declaring of Sir *Iohn Hotham* Traitour, without due proceſſe of Law, is againſt the liberty of the Subiect, and againſt the Law of the Land.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, that theſe Votes ſhall be printed, and ſent to the Sheriffes, and the Iuſtices of the Peace, to be publiſhed in all the Market Towns of the Counties of Yorke, and Lincoln.

Io. Brown Cler. Par.